

... IN THE SOCIAL REALM

To-day I met her—Spring—
Tender, rapturous, sweet-lipped thing!
I kissed her eyes and she smiled again,
Smiled through her tears as sunlight rain.
I've walked with her all this wondrous
day,
Whispering secrets, lover-way:
Who knows the pain of my Winter heart,
Poisoned in grim town walls, apart
From the riotous, vagabond god, young
Pan,
Whose child I've been since the world
began;
Knows how my fretted spirit cried
For upland hopes, green spaces wide,
I laid my hand on her perfumed breast,
Where the early blossoms cling soft-
pressed,
And the sky seemed set with violets—
Oh, Love remembers and Love forgets.
Could you not hear her—Spring—
Bidding the homesick birds to sing?
You did not see her face, you say?
The birds were mute, the skies were
gray?
Poor holden sense!—She called to me
Till I thrilled with passionate ecstasy.
To-day I met her—Spring—
Wild, alluring, flower-eyed thing!
—Emery Pottle, in Smart Set.

"To-day any woman may live a glorious and splendid life. She may choose her work or profession and follow it, alternating her occupations with all the outdoor sports and athletics she chooses, and none shall criticize. The twentieth century maid who bides at home in her father's castle may not sit all day at a window looking to the east, waiting for her knight to come. If she would be worthy of her knight when he comes, she must learn well the art of living in her own home, the better to live in his. It is the duty of the twentieth century maid to be intelligent, but her intellectuality should be seasoned with many grains of common sense. Let the maid understand that as Mallock says: the aim of culture is to make of the soul a musical instrument which may yield music to itself or to others at any impulse from without, and in more elaborate culture, the richer and more composite the music. The aim of culture is to make us better company for men and women of the world."

Mammon's Match.

Mr. James Branch Cabell, who has come to be recognized as an accomplished writer of short stories, as well as of books, has a characteristically brilliant composition, "Mammon's Match," in the March number of the Smart Set.

The story is full of bright cleverness and humor with the situations well conceived and developed. The scene is laid at "Belwood," the environment being all the more interesting because familiar to Mr. Cabell's readers through former individual trick of style which Mr. Cabell has, in the linking together in identity of what he writes, by the reappearance in new chapters of character personages which have played a part in former pages, so that whenever one gives a greeting to a new friend, one has also a pleasant remembrance brought about, through mention or incident, for an old one.

"Mammon's Match" has to do with what in America is called society, or rather with two members of it, the third who serves as a gaily lay figure, and some others whose names are just mentioned "en passant," not counting the "Mammon's Match" the Italian-American garden which was their favorite place, and which absorbs the greater part of Mr. Cabell's attention, he being a very pretty and clever writer, and the author of the principle of true love, in the "giving away of worldlyness and the awakening of nobler purposes and higher aims. In so many and such diverse manners it is made apparent that of the three great spiritualities—faith, hope and love—love is ever the greatest.

"Mystery!" they shrilled. "Puff! See how they meet, how they greet! Ah, sweet, sweet, sweet, to meet in the Spring!"

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Annual Meeting.

The annual mass meeting of the Huguenot Society will be held in the Second Presbyterian Church this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Dr. Russell Cecil, the president of the society, will conduct the meeting, and the address will be made by the Rev. Thornton Whaling, who comes from Lexington, Va., for the purpose.

Dr. Whaling is well known as one of the best orators in the Presbyterian church. He formerly was the chair of philosophy in the Southwestern Presbyterian University, at Clarksville, Tenn., and has succeeded Dr. Kerr as president.

MRS. SWANSON FAVORITE OF WASHINGTON SOCIETY



MRS. CLAUDE A. SWANSON.

Representative and Mrs. Claude A. Swanson are pleasantly established in an attractive home on Fifteenth Street, formerly occupied by different senators, until it has become somewhat known as a congressional residence during the session of Congress. Mrs. Swanson has spent much of her married life in Washington, and she could not have spent half of that time in any place without making many warm friends. At the time of their marriage Representative Swanson had just been elected for his second term. They were married in Washington, in one of his historic homes, the former residence of Justice Lamar, at that time Secretary of the Interior.

Mrs. Swanson met her husband in early life, when she was at school and he at the University of Maryland. They are fond of travel, and have spent two summers abroad, first making a partial tour of

of the board of trustees of the Union Theological Seminary. All those interested in the work of the society are invited to attend this meeting.

Euchre Party.

Miss Maria Louise Jones entertained the members of her euchre club last Tuesday evening in her home on West Main Street.

Those playing were: Mr. and Mrs. Warwick, Mr. and Mrs. William Marshall, Misses Jones, Miss Annie Jacobs, Miss Emma Perkins, Miss Lyons, Mr. James Watson, Mr. J. Cardozo, Mr. Carter, Mr. Peyton Carrington and Mr. Samuel Pulliam. Mrs. Marshall and Mr. Cardozo won the first prize, and Mrs. Warwick the consolation. The next meeting will be held March 1st, with Mrs. William Marshall.

Closing Gayeties of the Season.

The closing weeks of the season, which ended with the dawn of last Wednesday, were very gay indeed. Mrs. Virgilus Newton gave three beautiful luncheon parties of fourteen each.

At the last of these table decorations were in pink, a large cut-glass bowl of pink roses resting on a handsome centerpiece of real lace. Silver candlesticks with pink candles were capped with shades formed of tiny pink roses. Those present were: Mrs. Alexander Cameron, Mrs. George W. Stevens, Mrs. William L. Royall, Mrs. C. E. Smith, Mrs. Belne Blair, Miss Jones, Miss Bolling, Mrs. Harry Frazier, Mrs. Crenshaw, Mrs. Isaac Davenport, Mrs. Barksdale and Mrs. Fred Seal.

Bridge Whist Club.

The Bridge Whist Club that has met every Thursday afternoon all winter has decided to discontinue playing during Lent and to reorganize for the after Easter season. The club membership included: Mrs. Levin Jones, Mrs. Ned Myers, Mrs. Henry L. Cabell, Mrs. W. L. Royall, Mrs. Walter Morton, Mrs. Allen

William Minor Tompkins and Mrs. William Dabney Tompkins.

Among those present were: Mrs. J. M. Pickrell, Mrs. S. P. Mayo, Mrs. Dunham, Mrs. Winfree, Mrs. Henley, Mrs. J. Howard, Miss Sledd, Miss Hesson, Miss Kennon, Miss Mason, Miss Woodward.

Dr. Tompkins and his charming wife have recently moved to the Potomac from Washington, D. C., and have added much to the social enjoyment of the neighborhood in which they reside, and where they are extremely popular.

The Surprise Party.

A number of young society girls in Richmond, among whom are the Merediths, the Lindsays, the Davenports and the Whitlocks, formed for the winter a little club, which has given a great deal of pleasure to the girls composing it. The first meeting was given by Miss Meredith, and on each other, bring little presents and have a "surprise party." The first meeting was in the home of Miss Meredith, and the next, given by Miss Meredith, was at Mrs. Thomas Bolling's, Davenport, for every sort of merry game was played, candy was made and pulled, and other amusements, equally out of the common order, entertained the young club women.

Organ Recital.

An item copied from the Staunton Dispatch of February 17th says: "The organ recital at Trinity Episcopal Church was an artistic affair, and greatly enjoyed by an audience that filled the church. Mr. E. R. Webb, the organist, whose ideas were carried out in the construction of the new double organ, rendered numbers and the varying characteristics, being out of the many qualities of the fine instrument. He has rarely played with more skill."

Miss Lillian B. Taylor, of St. Paul's Church, Richmond, who came to Staunton for this recital, sang two solos. She has a rare voice of great sweetness and high culture. She sang with much sympathy and power. Her presence here possessed a peculiar interest in the fact that her mother, Miss Rosalie Barnes, led Trinity choir twenty-five years or so ago. Her father is Mr. John D. Taylor, at one time a merchant in Staunton.

Miss Cameron Honored.

Miss Elizabeth Cameron, of Paris, who is spending the winter with her brother, Mr. Alexander Cameron, was the honored guest at a luncheon recently given by Mrs. Joseph E. Willard, when the decorations were all in yellow jonquils. Those who attended the luncheon included, beside the hostess and the guest of honor, Mr. Alexander Cameron, Mrs. James Allison, Mrs. W. L. Royall, Mrs. George Ben Johnston, Mrs. Charles E. Bolling and Mrs. Thomas Bolling.

On Valentine's Day Mrs. Willard had a lovely children's party. The parlors were decorated in red hearts and the children were dressed as Valentines, guests present being: Miss Cary Valentine, Miss Nannie Patton, Miss Imogen Warwick, Miss Anne Keith Royall, Miss Emily Rutherford Royall, Miss Mary Parrish, Miss Lindsay, Miss Lettie Wordsworth, Miss Edith Donnan, Miss C. Wellford, Miss Dorothy Christian, Miss Gay Montague, Miss Gwendolyn Rutherford and others.

At the Woman's Club.

Mrs. W. G. Starnard will read a most interesting paper before the Woman's Club at 4:30 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Those who are acquainted with Mrs. Starnard's unusual ability along all literary and historic lines will realize the full measure of prospective enjoyment conveyed in such an announcement.

Currie-Knevels.

Mrs. Daniel Crommelin Var Planck Knevels announced the marriage of her daughter, Elizabeth, to Mr. Samuel Goodie Currie on Tuesday, February 16th, at Saint Mark's Church, West Orange, New Jersey.

Mr. Currie, who is nearly connected through his mother with Colonel Thomas F. Goode, of Boydton, Va., has prominent Virginia connections, many of whom

live in Richmond and received cards to his wedding.

Chafing Dish Classes.

Few social diversions have proved more delightful than the chafing-dish classes conducted this winter by Miss Precious Moore for "ladies of the night."

Three dishes, cooked at a lesson and afterwards eaten at a most enjoyable luncheon, with bread, toast and other delicacies, have been the pleasant program, the meetings scheduled for twice a week. Members of various classes take in the Misses Lindsay, Misses Atkinson, Misses Morgan, Miss Walker, Miss Carter, of Warrenton; Mrs. Julian Hill, Mrs. Harshorn, of New York; Mrs. Charles Whitlock, Mrs. C. E. Doyle, Mrs. Elchison and Miss Betty Clark.

Dames to Meet.

The general meeting of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Virginia will be held in the rooms of the Virginia Historical Society, Thursday, February 25th, at 4 P. M.

It is a matter of interest in connection with the launching of the battleship, scheduled for April 15th, at Virginia, that in November of 1900 Mrs. Russell Robinson, honorary vice-president of the Virginia Society, called the attention of the Dames to the fact that while the Eastern and Western representatives were urged that the new battleship should be named after the respective States, for Virginia not a vote had been raised. On the other hand, some State officials, senators and congressmen had expressed hostility to the idea of a battleship being called Virginia.

Mrs. Robinson submitted a resolution should appeal to Mr. McKinley in the matter, and in December Mrs. Herbert A. Claiborne, president of the society, accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Nichols, Governor J. Hoge Tyler and Congressmen J. M. Robinson, of the President, Mrs. Robinson, who was a member of the committee, was prevented from being present, as had been expected.

President McKinley met the request made of him most cordially, making Mrs. Claiborne, as the representative of the Dames, a promise which will be fulfilled in April.

Valentine Card Party.

Mrs. Nellie McCabe Heinz was the hostess at a delightful valentine card party Monday afternoon, in honor of Miss Hensley, of Norfolk.

Progressive hearts was played at the five tables. The first prize, a handsome heart-shaped plate, was won by Mrs. John Bolling Wood, who, in turn, graciously presented it to Miss Hensley. The booby, a spray of red carnations, silver hearts hanging from red ribbons, was won by Mrs. Mary Dart, while the consolation, a beautiful heart-shaped box of Truylers, was drawn by Mrs. D. J. Coleman.

After the game all proceeded to the dining room, which was elaborately decorated in red; ribbons were drawn from the candleabra, with red candles and shades. The center decoration consisted of two large floral hearts, one of red carnations, the other white, and was most beautiful. All the refreshments were heart-shaped, the entire affair being one of the most delightful and perfect in detail of the social season. Mrs. Heinz presided at the punch bowl.

Those invited were: Misses Mary Grace Hensley, Madge Sweeney, Katherine Sweeney, Nellie Murphy, Mary Barry, Alice Delaney, Terese Higgins, Ruby Dart, Mary Dart, Rosa Kirk, Sue Treason, Katherine Powers, Lucy Clair Archibald, Mesdames John Murphy, Archibald Burke, John Bolling Wood, W. A. Mehegan, Clifton Boudar, George Lawson, P. T. Murphy, Clifford Smith, D. J.

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Characters.

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Henry Harford—Mr. Howard Holt.

Jessy Harford (his wife)—Miss Florence Jacobs.

James (a servant)—Mr. Tom B. Gray.

Lucy (a servant)—Miss Della Tolker.

Then "LEND ME FIVE SHILLINGS."

Characters.

Mr. Gough—Mr. Norbert Caughy.

Captain Phobbs—Mr. T. Ben Gay.

Captain Spruce—Mr. Howard Holt.

Morland—Mr. Ollie Timberlake.

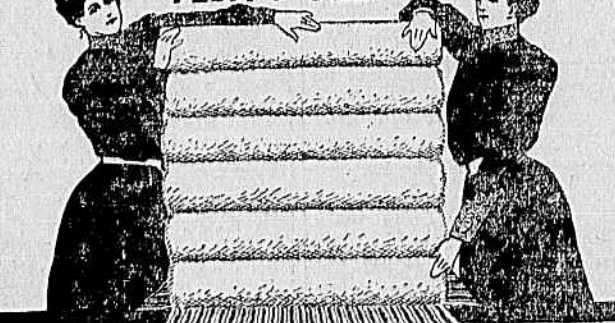
Sam (a waiter)—Mr. John Lundin.

Mrs. Major Phobbs—Miss Eleanora Steinbrecher.

Mrs. Captain Phobbs—Miss Della Tolker.

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